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ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO: P.R.T. Executive Director J. W. Lawrence (left), and State Representative Jean Laney Harris frame the plaque dedicating the Cheraw State Park golf course clubhouse in recognition of her "leadership and untiring efforts in support of this facility and other recreational enhancements of Cheraw State Park." The plaque was unveiled during the golf course's grand opening ceremony on October 21.

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FROM THE DIRECTOR
STATE DOCUMENTS

This year has gone by very quickly, and it was a productive year for the park system. We were faced with budget problems and the pressures of opening the new Calhoun Falls State Park and the golf course at Cheraw. We handled these openings and were also able to make other improvements across the park system.

We received very good grades on our performance from the evaluators that are most important — the park visitors. We provided more services and programs than during the previous year, and we completed more repair and improvement projects. We reached more people through our promotional efforts, and we are beginning to make the public more aware of the state parks.

Thank you for your efforts. I am very proud of the work that was done during 1992. I have one major problem and it is that the year went by too quickly. Some of our goals have not yet been met. This is not because of a lack of effort. There is simply so very much that needs to be done. We must press forward in the months ahead. Each of us as park employees can learn and improve. By doing so, we will improve the park system.

We are going to build on the goal — setting process that we started last spring. Establishing goals and striving to reach them is an effective way to make improvements. Just taking care of what comes up on a daily basis may enable us to get by, but we can only improve if we are striving to reach clear goals.

This is the way we are going to approach this process: I will provide you with general guidance at the superintendent's meeting in January. Each section and park will prepare a set of goals for FY 93/94. These goals will be submitted to me in early spring. They will be reviewed and returned so they can be incorporated into the new concurrent work program or other appropriate approval processes. The goals will be for a one-year time period to coincide with the fiscal year. I will convey the details at the superintendent's meeting but start thinking about what you want to accomplish.

Once again, thank you for making 1992 a successful year. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

CHARLES W. HARRISON
Director, Division of State Parks



Charles W. Harrison



FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Most of us can remember going back to school after long hot summers of doing or not doing whatever we wished. On at least a couple of occasions I remember my first assignment of the new school year was to write an essay on "How I spent my summer vacation." It might be a tad late, but let me tell about my summer of 1972. Twenty years ago, I elected to fulfill my summer internship at Clemson with an outfit called the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The memories of this ten-week experience was recently rekindled when Chief Historian Rowena Nylund uncovered my evaluation report of this eventful summer.

I thought that you might be interested in seeing this report, as many of you had a part in my "Summer Vacation, 1972." I think you will agree with my perceptions, and I also think you will agree that some of the problems identified are still problems over twenty years later.

VAN A. STICKLES

Assistant Director, Division of State Parks



HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION -- IN 1972

After visiting 19 state parks and working out of the main office for three weeks, I feel I have accomplished the major goals of this training program. I have learned in 10 weeks more about the total system than a PMA probably will learn in 6 months. There are, of course, many more things to be learned, but again I refer to an understanding of the total system.

A major problem in the state parks system is the lack of communication or understanding between personnel out in the parks and the main office. I feel the most important person in the entire system is the park superintendent. He is responsible for attracting people to the park and through good public relations can make them want to come back.

Since the park system is basically user-oriented, people can often influence improvement or new additions in a given park. If the importance and value of the superintendent as a public relations interpreter were more recognized, maybe he could be used as a source of public opinion rather than a messenger of other information possibly not relevant to his individual park.

On the other hand, the park superintendent must realize that the main office also plays an important role in the operations of the parks. Knowing what an office position is and how it fits into the system could help the field personnel to understand how to use the resources of the office. Through a training program such as this past ten weeks, the field personnel could learn of the pressures and duties of being responsible for all the parks at the same time.

A superintendent must realize that his park is only one part of the system and it cannot be given 100% attention. I have seen how the divisions of the office do their job and can understand how I could use them to better my park. In most parks, rangers and superintendents

have the same basic goal, that is serving the people of South Carolina with the recreation they need and deserve.

One problem as I see it is the pay scale for rangers. Today, it seems a ranger is expected to be a public relations person as well as a general maintenance person. If this is to be the case, the good rangers in the parks today should be encouraged to stay. Some parks I worked in this summer seem to be undermanned, causing the rangers to work extra hours, which may discourage them from the system.

As for the appearance of the parks, they all look neat and are well maintained. One suggestion I heard from several people concerns the entrance signs and surrounding area. It might be interesting if the entrance could set a mood for the park or portray its theme in some way. This way, park visitors would have the feeling of being in a state park as soon as they turn off the highway.

The new trading posts, with the various old equipment arranged around them, really add to the atmosphere of the state parks. More buildings of this style are needed because they blend well with the environment of the parks.

Much can be learned about state parks from talking with the people who use them. Campers I have talked with are pleased with the many facilities available in the parks. Top on the list are clean restrooms, guarded swimming facilities, recreation programs, and cooperation received from park personnel. They still look for washers and dryers and ice machines in parks such as Poinsett.

I have learned a great deal from this summer's intern program. It is a step in the right direction as far as training is concerned. Everyone out in the parks has been helpful in many ways. I appreciate the chance to learn about the entire system. Thank you, for allowing me to be part of PRT this summer.

VAN STICKLES



AN EXCITING YEAR

New Openings Keep Promotions Section Busy

This has been an exciting year for the promotions section of South Carolina state parks. In addition to keeping up with the large quantity of programs, which have dramatically increased over the past few years, and special events such as Earth Day, Pioneer Days, Archaeology field Day, etc., we had the pleasure of promoting a new state park and a new state park facility this year.

Calhoun Falls State Park opened to the public on March 1. Located on Lake Russell, the park was a joint effort between the S.C. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The park offers the only campground and marina on the lake.

Calhoun Falls State Park celebrated its opening with a dedication events. U.S. Congressman Butler Derrick spoke at the ceremony congratulating the Calhoun Falls community, the Army Corps of Engineers and SCPRT for their cooperative efforts in making the park a reality. Over 150 people attended including local and state legislators, business leaders and tourism representatives.

The weekend of activities, which included guided canoe trips, bluebird box workshops, children's boating safety programs, nature walks, and live entertainment that ranged from beach music and clogging on Saturday to gospel music on Sunday, drew over 1,300 people.

If you have not had a chance to visit Calhoun Falls State Park, be sure to put it on your "things to do in 1993" list. The park is truly a source of great pride for our system.

Cheraw State Park was built in 1934 and is South Carolina's oldest state park. Though most people may think "you can't teach an old dog new tricks", Cheraw has proven that it's ready and able to take on new challenges.

An 18-hole championship golf course opened at Cheraw State Park on October 1. The 72 par Tom Jackson designed course is laid out through a forest of pines and mixed hardwoods along Lake Juniper. The course features Bermuda fairways and large bent grass greens.

The clubhouse design is a contemporary adaptation of the southern porch and dogtrot design. Its coloring blends well with the tex-

ture and bark of the local pine trees and other natural features of the park.

You don't have to be a golfer to have an appreciation for this beautifully designed course and clubhouse as evidenced by several hundred people who showed up for the golf course's grand opening ceremony on October 21.



Governor Campbell prepares to tee off at the new Cheraw State Park golf course.

Among them was Governor Carroll Campbell who spoke at the dedication ceremony. Governor Campbell referred to the Cheraw State Park golf course as "an investment in the future of the region, an investment brought about by teamwork".

"We always hope that the action we take today will benefit our children," said Campbell. "Obviously, the action taken in 1934 has been of tremendous benefit to us. And I'm confident that the expansion of this facility will strengthen the foundation on which our children can build."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, SCPRT Commissioner William J. Sigmon presented a plaque to State Representative Jean Laney Harris dedicating the golf course clubhouse in recognition of her "leadership and untiring efforts in support of this facility and other recreational enhancements of Cheraw State Park."

After lunch, the Governor was the first to tee off, having charged that the golf course facility was open to the public.

GLORIA GREEN
Public Information Officer

FROM THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

Reflections

It seems like it has only been a few short months since we heralded in the last decade of the twentieth century. In actuality, we are only a few weeks away from having seen three years of this decade go by. Upon reflecting on some of our accomplishments during these past three years, it becomes apparent that there is a common thread throughout which will continue to give our organization the strength to meet the challenges to be faced as we approach the twenty-first century.

As the year 1990 began, we were still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Hugo. Many employees from across the state worked with employees from other public and private organizations, as well as volunteers, to clear away the large amounts of debris left by this tremendous storm. Construction of new facilities was begun to replace those destroyed, and even today several projects are ongoing.

In spite of budget reductions and tough economic times, we have been able to offer visitors to our park system new opportunities for educational and recreational pursuits. Old Santee Canal State Park was built as a joint project with Santee Cooper Public Service Authority and opened just weeks before Hurricane Hugo struck. Closed as a result of the storm damage, this park was reopened in 1991 with an additional attraction. An Interpretive Center was completed to provide visitors the opportunity to learn about the natural and cultural history of the area. Devils Fork State Park on Lake Jocassee in Oconee County was constructed with assistance from Duke Power Company and opened in September of 1991. Calhoun Falls State Park on Lake Russell in Abbeville County was constructed with the support of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and opened its gates for public use in the spring of 1992. A new community/environmental education center at Jones Gap State Park has received support from the Mountain Bridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited in obtaining supplies and equipment for use in educational and interpretive programs at the park. A canoe trail on the South Edisto River in Aiken State Park was developed by the Edisto Council of the Telephone Pioneers and opened in the spring of 1992. Opened just recently, the Cheraw State Park golf course has received tremendous support from the surrounding communities.

These additional facilities resulted in seven opportunities for advancement to employees of the state park system and employment for citizens of the local communities in thirty-one new job openings. Being unable to obtain operational funds or personnel positions for all of these new facilities, the Divisions of our agency worked together to redefine job responsibilities and streamline their operations to allow us to open many of these areas.

The Divisions of our agency are also working together in other areas. An example of this is in our Training and Career Development Program. The age of computerization is here as more of us are exposed to this high tech equipment. Training by outside consultants was going to be cost prohibitive for our needs, so a computer training program was developed utilizing knowledgeable employees from each Division to provide instruction. To aid our employees in providing quality customer service, a training program has been developed and again we are utilizing knowledgeable employees from within the agency to provide the instruction. The Training and Career Development Program has also been expanded to offer training for supervisors utilizing a program offered by the Division of Human Resource Management, which is a Division of the Budget and Control Board. In our Search & Rescue Training program, other agencies have participated in our exercises and more are interested in what we are doing on this subject.

Without dedicated and interested employees, the above paragraph could not have been written for there would be no Training and Career Development program. Because of your dedication and interest, you are being given more opportunities to provide input in decisions that affect all of us. Some of you have worked on developing maintenance standards which can be used in maintaining park facilities and grounds throughout the state. A new look which will be seen in the near future will be a new uniform which you helped in selecting. A meeting with park managers that have lodging accommodations was held recently to develop a new reservation procedure that will be proposed to higher management in the near future.

Just as you are having more opportunities to provide input, you are allowing for more involvement by others in your operation through the volunteer program. Since June of this year, volunteers have contributed 26,530 hours of work. Calculating this into dollars at minimum wage rates results in \$112,752.50 excluding benefits. We could not have provided these services if we would have had to pay someone to perform them. Volunteers are providing services in programs and interpretation, maintenance, and functions on many parks. Organizations and private companies are getting involved in our volunteer program. Carolina Power and Light (an electrical utility company) has promoted a volunteer program among its employees in North Carolina state parks for several years, and is now expanding into South Carolina state parks. The Telephone

Pioneers, which consists of employees of Southern Bell, have been involved in several projects in our state parks. There are others, but space will not allow for all of them to be mentioned.

In reading this article, have you determined what the common thread is referred to in the first paragraph? It is co-operation. With the co-operation shown by public and private companies, the employees of this agency, and citizens interested in our mission, many accomplishments have been made thus far in this decade. To continue to provide our citizens and their visitors with one of the best state park systems in the country, we must move forward with this spirit of co-operation.

Charlie F. Parkman
Chief of Operations

P.S. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

QUALITY CUSTOMER SERVICE TRAINING

For a number of years, management has emphasized the need for park superintendents to approach the fiscal operation of their park as good business managers. It is easy to understand that without revenue coming in, we would not be able to open our gates very many days out of the year. Today, and even more in the future, it is very important that not only park superintendents but also every individual employee completely understand just how their individual efforts correlate to this issue and indeed to the future success of the park system.

In today's market place our customers and park visitors have a wealth of choices where they might spend their recreation dollar. Management realizes that quality customer service is the competitive battleground of the future. It is the key element influencing choices where the public will spend their dollars. At the very least, without quality customer service we will certainly not continue to enjoy the reputation of one of the finest state park systems in the country.

In keeping with our commitment to continuous improvement, the division has already begun a "Quality Customer Service Training Program." This program will be directed toward all employees, particularly

those with the highest public contact. The primary objective of this training is to explain why quality customer service is so important to us. It will also provide insight as to how each employee may specifically contribute toward our customer service mission.

The "Quality Customer Service Training Program" will initially be offered at a district level. It will also be a focus of the 1993 Superintendents' Conference. In addition, it will be integrated into core training programs to address needs of new personnel coming into the system. The district superintendents will also be directed to incorporate customer service training into their summer orientation program for seasonal personnel. It is extremely important for them too, since the majority of seasonal employees experience high public contact.

Of course, customer service training alone will not provide the complete solution necessary to address the issue of providing quality customer service to our park visitors. However, in conjunction with various other strategic management practices, it will allow us to begin to compete more significantly for those very important revenue dollars.

MICHAEL N. HUNT
Training Coordinator

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Training Coordinator Mike Hunt had overall responsibility for the training sessions.



Public Information Specialist Gloria Green presented a session on "Telephone Techniques for Quality Customer Service."

Mike Davidson, Manager of Revenue Resources, discussed "Service Effectiveness Skills."



STATE PARKS SYSTEM PHOTO EXHIBIT

In an effort to provide Division personnel with a more clear perspective of how the South Carolina state park system has evolved over the years, a photo exhibit has been created for permanent display at the Sesqui Training Center. The exhibit is a collection of many very interesting photographs from a wide variety of our parks. These classic photographs represent personnel, structures, operations, and other activities of the nearly sixty years of the state parks system's existence. Some of the photos may be our best record of how things were in days gone by.

The exhibit is displayed in the Training Center entrance, the computer training room and the main classroom. However, it will be moved temporarily to the new Santee interpretive center until February, after which it will be returned to Sesqui. Please take time to view the entire exhibit on your next visit to Santee or Sesqui.

MICHAEL N. HUNT, Training Coordinator



Sesqui Superintendent George Gordon (left) and Training Coordinator Mike Hunt examine one of the exhibit panels displayed at the park's Training Center. The following photos, taken at random from the exhibit panels, give some idea of the variety of scenes depicted by the display.

EXHIBIT PHOTOS

The original Table Rock State Park high diving platform was constructed of untreated wood. As a result of deterioration through the years, it eventually had to be dismantled and was replaced by a more permanent metal structure. This photo was taken in the early 1940's.



The Myrtle Beach State Park bathhouse /pavilion was one of the most beautiful structures in the system. Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, it had to be dismantled in 1967 because of general deterioration and decay. This building featured a concession area, dressing room, game room, restrooms and picnic shelters. Some portions of this structure were salvaged and relocated to other areas of the park.

The first land donated for a state park was 706 acres donated in 1934 by the people of Cheraw. Probably the oldest surviving structure in the South Carolina state park system is this "Dogwood Picnic Shelter" at Cheraw State Park.



MORE EXHIBIT PHOTOS



This group of superintendents attended the annual conference at Table Rock State Park in 1947.



Separate facilities had been provided for white and black citizens, but they were never equal, as claimed. Hunting Island State Park Negro Area — July 4, 1955.

Even though camping was not initially a major attraction in state parks, most parks had a few campsites, as here at Myrtle Beach State Park in 1938.



This 1962 photo of the Sesquicentennial State Park beach is an indication of the popularity of the swimming areas at a number of the inland state parks in the earlier days.

Personnel training has long been an important function of management of the Division of State Parks. This photo was taken at a superintendents' training program at Poinsett State Park in 1957. Today, the Division of State Parks has a fulltime training coordinator and a central training facility.



Filling In The Blanks

Filling in the blanks. To the casual observer, there may be no rhyme or reason to the seemingly random schedule of the maintenance section crews.

In reality, quite a lot of thought and planning goes into keeping the section progressing in a direction set by the division. Overall priorities, materials selection, scheduling (men and equipment), awareness of park needs, awareness of peak use times, permits, codes, handicapped accessibility needs and requirements, etc. only begin to shape the list of considerations necessary in the planning process.

"Progressing in a direction?", you may ask. The answer is, "yes". There is, in fact, a direction and a grand scheme to the crew scheduling.

The general thrust of the section during the past year has been in several major areas.

First, completion of campground wiring upgrading on most of the parks in the system. This upgrading was started five or six years ago and could have been completed a lot sooner without the interruption of Hurricane Hugo. Included this year have been: Hunting Island, Paris Mountain, Sesqui, Andrew Jackson, Chester, Oconee and Table Rock. A totally new campground was also constructed at Cheraw.

Second, a major thrust has begun in the enlargement, renovation, or replacement of park offices grown too small for the expanded needs of a progressive division. Included this year have been the offices at Santee and Edisto Beach. This thrust will continue with new offices at Dreher Island, Myrtle Beach, and Table Rock during the next year or so.

Third, interpretive/education centers have been a priority with the division. Jones Gap and Santee have been completed this year and work is soon to start at Caesars Head to introduce the visitor to the Mountain Bridge area of the state and the parks included in its shadow.

Fourth, cabin renovations have become another project direction which was started at Hickory Knob with the bathroom renovations completed in all the cabins this spring. Interior upgrades will begin the first of next year, and the trend will continue with handicapped access and bathroom renovations in two cabins at Santee next year.

Fifth, with retail sales and merchandising becoming more important, we are putting more emphasis into store displays and interi-

or renovations. Edisto Beach's store has just received a major face lift and new display stands were constructed for Santee's tackle shop. Hunting Island's store has been targeted for a totally new interior in the near future. I'm sure that this segment of the park system will continue to be upgraded to meet new needs of the public and of the division.

Sixth, the elimination and clean-up of dump areas touched most of the parks in one way or another. It was time to clean up our act and I feel that we are well on the way to presenting a "clean face" in this area. Work will continue during the next year and for years to come.

Seventh, with the purchase of a new sign machine, new avenues are opened to us in the visual impact that we make on the park visitor with new sign design. We have been experimenting with alternative materials which make the construction process easier and hopefully will be more durable in the long term. You should see more sign improvements during the next several years.

Cumulatively, there is progress in a lot of areas at the same time. Due to time and equipment constraints, there is a limit to the amount of projects which can be taken on during any given year. Priorities are established and short term goals are set and met.

As new priorities are set to make the park system progress to new levels of efficiency, they affect the long range goals of the maintenance section. Planning and scheduling of the section's resources are regularly reviewed and adjusted to address these new priorities.

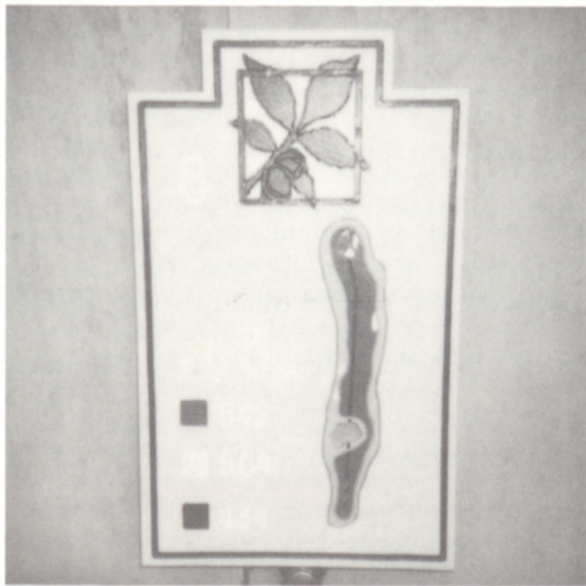
As you can see, over the long haul all the parks are affected by one or more of these project directions. All the sections in the central office are affected at one time or another.

We are taking a new approach to projects being done by the maintenance section. This seems to meet the continuing growth needs of the system, while limiting the manpower available to help the parks on smaller projects. I feel the park staff can handle these projects. The park maintenance staffs have been established and have become very proficient in maintaining their individual parks to a higher level of performance and aesthetics than was reached in the past.

The maintenance section is here to benefit the system as a whole, I feel that we are on track to accomplish this goal.

JAMES B. WORK
Chief of Maintenance

Stacks of pre-cut lumber for one thousand picnic tables await construction and delivery to the parks.



Here's a sample of the quality signs that are being turned out on the new sign machine. This sign will mark the eighth hole at Hickory Knob's golf course.

A new paint striping machine is the pride and joy of the maintenance crew! Parking lots at Poinsett, Santee and Sesqui have already been striped, and others will be completed in the near future.



DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT I

Greetings from the Grand Strand and Lowcountry, better known as District II! The summer of '92 was most successful for the coastal district. Please allow me this opportunity to thank all the employees in District I whose hard work and dedication made this year a success. Thanks are also in order to the many Columbia staff members who provided each park with invaluable support throughout the year. Special thanks to the thousands of park visitors who saw fit to spend a portion of their summer at one of our state parks. Below is a summary of some of the things that have taken place in District I since our last meeting.

LARRY W. DUNCAN
District I Superintendent

CHARLES TOWNE LANDING

A major portion of the movie "Queenie" was filmed at the Landing this spring. Actor Danny Glover was on the park for the filming. School visitation this spring was most successful. This year's Halloween Hoot was the most successful ever, thanks to the efforts of many staff members. Gift shop — Slatboard walls, new merchandise displays, and additional window tinting has given the park's gift shop a new and improved look. Animal Forest — The new turkey aviary is under construction and should open this spring. The birds of prey aviary reopened this spring after being closed since the hurricane. New births include two bison and one elk calf. Maintenance — Tom Perry and the maintenance staff have undertaken major renovations on one of the three park residences. The appearance of the grounds improve as the forest heals and the many new trees exhibit healthy growth.

COLLETON

Use of the park and the Edisto River by canoeists and kayakers continues to increase with good publicity on the river showing up in canoe magazines. The Edisto Riverfest, though, plagued by rain, turned out to be a success despite the weather. Crowds on the park were down, but many participants were able to enjoy the river by canoe. Upcoming projects include renovations to the park's campground restroom.

EDISTO BEACH

(By Mike Spivey)

Hello from beautiful Edisto Beach! This summer season has been very busy, but passed with few problems. The big news from Edisto Beach is that we now have a new office! The upstairs of the gift shop has been renovated from a storage area to an extremely nice office. The view from this office has got to be the best in the park system! The downstairs gift shop has been renovated from a storage area and should greatly increase our sales. Many thanks to Jim Work, Kurt Becht, Mike Davidson, Don Holloway, and Donald Shumpert for all their assistance. We also have a new fossil display which has been well received by the public. Thanks to Mike Foley and Irvin Pitts for all their hard work in getting the display. Come by to see us whenever you get a chance!

GIVHANS FERRY

The campground reopened this spring and is beginning to attract campers back to the park. Like Charles Towne Landing, the forest and grounds at Givhans are looking better and better as the months of healing from Hurricane Hugo go by. It's beginning to look like the Givhans of old. Cabin rentals are going great with a big increase over last year. A bluegrass festival was held on the park in October for the first time.



HAMPTON PLANTATION

Thanks to the efforts of the park staff, visitation and revenues are the best ever at Hampton. You parks with campgrounds had better watch out in the race for most revenue! The park crew, along with help from Garris Brazell from Myrtle Beach, has just completed a major stabilization project on the old kitchen building. Thanks to Garris for a job well done! Also, thanks to Merlin Smith and Cornelious Carter, who helped with the project. The park staff has begun work on a new park entrance gate.

HUNTING ISLAND

(By Ray Stevens)

There have been many changes since the last issue of PARKLITES. Listed below are just a few.

Staff changes - Angela Siegfried has been promoted from assistant ranger to Ranger I. Bob Strickland was brought in from Santee to fill the other Ranger I position. Alva (Zack) Weaver filled the Assistant Ranger position.

Park changes - On June 1st, we took over the operation of the Paradise Fishing Pier located on the south end of the island. This is a 1120-foot pier with a 1200 square foot tackle shop. Campground roads are presently being paved throughout the entire campground. The lighthouse interior was painted last year so we operated this season with a lighthouse keeper to protect the facility from vandalism. This also gave us a true figure of the attendance, which turned out to be 32,790 for the season. We have also put a light back in the top of the lighthouse. The light serves as a navigational tool for campers walking the beach at night. Turtle nesting was up this year. We had over 130 nests laid on our four miles of beach. With all we have going on at Hunting Island throughout the year, everyone just needs to come on down and spend some time with us and go to some of Joe Anderson's programs and enjoy the park. As always, I would like to thank the park staff for the hard work and dedication that makes the park run so smoothly. From the staff at Hunting Island, we wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HUNTINGTON BEACH

(By Keith Windham)

It doesn't seem that a year has passed since my family and I moved to Huntington Beach. Things stay so busy here that you think time really does fly! Programs have been a big success at Huntington this year. The Arts and Crafts Festival drew 9,000 people. The Haunted Halloween program had over 1600 people to attend. We also started some new programs this year. Ranger Chris Bowers organized the first Surf Fishing Rodeo. This was a great success with 134 fishermen trying to win prizes donated by local businesses. My wife Susan, who took a great interest in Atalaya, started a program called "The Magic of Atalaya." This program really took off and the waiting list for more of this program is endless. In addition to these, we conduct crabbing workshops and marine explorer campouts.

Huntington Beach is a beautiful place to be. I would like to thank Mr. Duncan and the park staff for making our first year at this unique park so wonderful. If you are ever in our area, please stop by.

LAKE WARREN

Attendance and revenue is up at Lake Warren with more and more people finding out what the park has to offer. The wonderful playground that was put in last year has turned out to be a major draw and has helped increase shelter rentals. Rentals on the community building are also up. The park was used again this summer for cub scout day camps. James Christie and Robert Wiggins have put on numerous programs for the public including nature walks, astronomy programs, and a most successful Halloween program. We are now in the planning process for the Lake Warren Festival which will be held next fall. Jim Wescott, director of the Lowcountry and Resort Island Tourism Commission, is heading up the event which will be co-sponsored by the local chamber of commerce and other agencies. Congratulation to James and Vanessa on the birth of their new son Caleb, who was born in October.

Congratulations also to Park Technician Thomas Parra on his recent marriage. We welcome his bride Celia to our park family.

MYRTLE BEACH

(By Mike Walker)

The big news here at Myrtle Beach State Park is the completion of the new fishing pier, built to replace the one lost to Hurricane Hugo. The park had the first fishing pier on the Grand Strand, and most everyone insists that the newest version is the best in the area. The long-awaited opening of the pier took place during the spring, and the pier has seen heavy use since that time. Fishermen have been making some substantial catches and park visitors have enjoyed having the opportunity to stroll out across the breakers for one of the most breath-taking views along the coast.

The fishing pier is certainly not the only new asset to the park, however, as we would like to welcome our new Assistant Superintendent Rob Achenburg, who comes to us by way of Edisto Beach State Park. Rob has done a great job of getting right into the swing of things and has quickly made himself an integral part of the park's operation.

Another new addition to the park family is LaRue Yarbrough, our new Ranger I. LaRue is a newcomer to the park system and has done an outstanding job for us, quickly integrating himself to employees and visitors alike.

We would like to wish good luck and congratulations to Tony Stephens, our Ranger II, who was recently promoted to Paris Mountain State Park. Tony is a big man with an even bigger heart and will be sorely missed by all.

We would also like to wish the best to our Building Supervisor, Carl Cadle, who has left the park to pursue other career opportunities.



OLD DORCHESTER

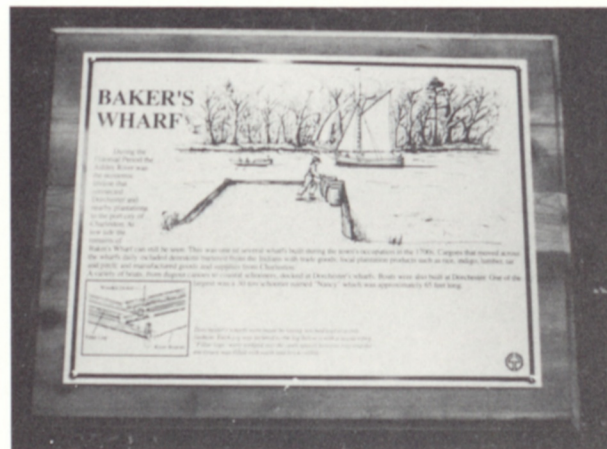
Dan Bell, Historic Sites Coordinator, has worked closely with Superintendent Cumbee and Danny Dewees this year to put on numerous programs related to the Old Towne of Dorchester. Public response has been tremendous with excellent support from the local newspapers and the community in general. We are looking forward to seeing the new visitor's guide in print and available in the near future. Dan Bell along with several central office staff members have put in a lot of hours in research and the preparations for this, the park's first publication. Numerous school groups have used the park as a field trip destination throughout the year. An Archeological Dig took place during Archeology Week, using volunteers supervised by State Park Archeologist Donnie Barker. More digs are planned for the future.

Several preservation projects are now underway, including one to put in retaining walls to prevent further erosion between the colonial fort and the Ashley River. New interpretive signs have also been added during the year.

RIVERS BRIDGE

The confederate encampment held in February of 1992 was voted the year's best encampment by the re-enactors who took part in the event. Hats off to park superintendent Jerry Price, his staff, Dan Bell, and Columbia staff members who worked hard to make the program a success. Plans are underway for the 1993 encampment.

The swimming pool was open most of the summer, thanks to the lifeguard recruiting efforts of the park staff. In addition to the normal operations, the pool was also rented by a group from Hampton, S.C. for youth swimming classes. A recent and rather large resource management project has taken place which involved the removal of many diseased and unhealthy pine trees from within the park. The removal of these pines will do much to improve the growth of the more desirable hardwoods in the picnic and camping areas. Stan Hutto was the one responsible for marking the trees to be removed.



The new interpretive sign at Old Dorchester State Park.



The back of a building used for the movie "Queenie," which was filmed at Charles Towne Landing.



The new fishing pier at Myrtle Beach State Park is attracting both anglers and sightseers to the park.

DISTRICT NEWS (Continued)



A re-created Colonial craft at Charles Towne Landing is candle dipping.



A new addition causing some excitement at Hunting Island State Park is this baby alligator, shown in the lagoon near the park office.



The maintenance crew hard at work on the new office at Edisto Beach State Park.



One of the exhibits at the 1992 Riverfest held at Colleton State Park.



Park personnel work on the kitchen building at Hampton Plantation State Park.



Some serious pickin' and singin' took place at the Bluegrass Festival held at Givhans Ferry State Park in October.



This spectacular ocean view from the new office at Edisto Beach State is truly a visual delight...one of the best in the system!

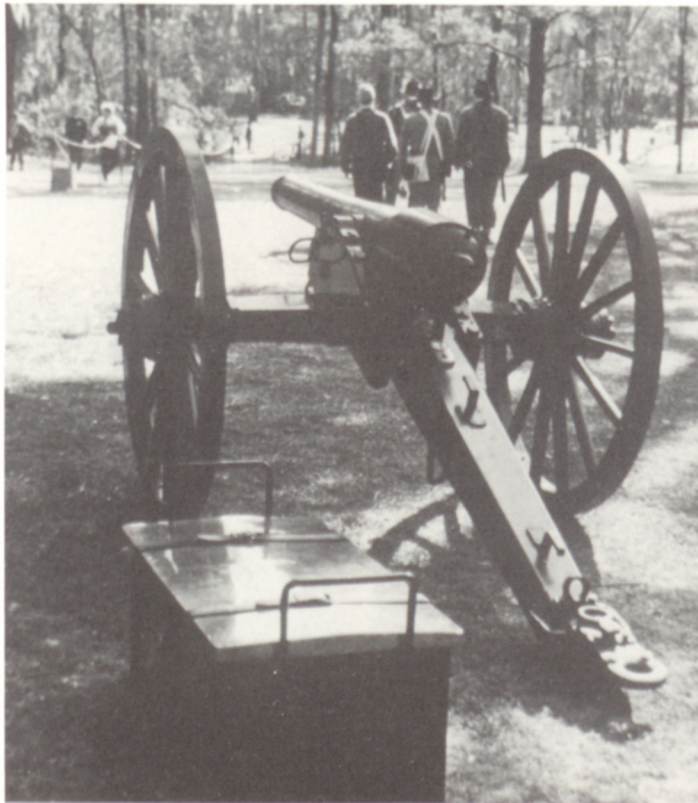


Fishing Pier regulation sign at Myrtle Beach.

DISTRICT NEWS (Continued)



A squad of Union soldiers marches to a battle re-enactment at Rivers Bridge State Park.



An artillery piece used during a battle re-enactment at Rivers Bridge State Park.



DISTRICT II

We have just completed another successful year in the district and I would like to thank all the personnel for a job well done. One of the main programs that I have been working with during the past few months has been Carolina Power & Light's "Adopt A State Park" (ASP) program. This program was started in North Carolina a year ago and was so successful that they began the program in South Carolina in seven parks - Poinsett, Cheraw, Lynches River, Woods Bay, Lee, Goodale and Little Pee Dee. CP&L employees have donated their time to accomplish projects turned in by the parks. These projects range from rewiring of the mess hall at Camp Juniper (Cheraw State Park), building 100 blue bird boxes, underbrushing for red cockaded woodpecker colonies, assembling picnic tables to clearing away the remains of Hurricane Hugo. We are all very excited about our relationship with CP&L's ASP program and are looking forward to great things being done.

MARSHALL WEST
District II Superintendent

AIKEN

Congratulations to the Walters family on the arrival of their new baby. Everyone is doing great, especially Carl. Carl and his crew are busy keeping the park looking good and completing projects. A couple of successful programs have been presented at Aiken. One program was about the Civilian Conservation Corps, and one man who was in the CCC at Aiken during this time attended and had a few stories to tell the park crew about his days there.

BARNWELL

The staff at Barnwell continues to put together and present good programs both on and off the park, and all have been well attended. Homer and Rick have also been peddling "resale" items at the park programs and have been pretty successful. Maybe some other parks that are similar to Barnwell could do the same.

CHERAW

The big day has come and gone at Cheraw! The golf course opened up October 1st and things have not been the same since. Larry, in his wildest dreams probably never thought he would have a golf course in front of his house. Things do change, and a mighty big "thanks" goes to the crew at Cheraw for such a successful operation. I never realized how many golfers there were in the system until we opened. The new campground is open and has a beautiful view of the lake.

LEE

Congratulations are also in order for Mike and his wife on the arrival of their newest baby. All are doing fine. The campground finally opened and Mike and his crew have gotten readjusted to registering campers. Mike and his ranger had just started putting together and presenting programs when the ranger resigned. This may set Mike back a little, but I am sure it will not stop him.

LITTLE PEE DEE

Brian welcomes Ritchie Sawyer to his staff as a Park Technician. Ritchie worked last year as a supplemental filling in for the vacant Park Technician, and did such a good job they hired him. Brian and David have been doing some programs and are well on their way to building up a good following.

LYNCHES RIVER

Harold and his staff have also begun doing programs, including Basic Backpacking, Canoeing the Lyches River and a Blue Grass Festival. The Blue Grass Festival was very successful with over 500 people in attendance, and plans are to hold this program on a monthly basis. Harold extends his invitation to stop by and see them and he wants me to remind you that swimming at the park is free this time of the year. Congratulations to Shannon Hart and his wife on the birth of their daughter.

GOODALE

Things continue to move right along with Jim and Robert busy with community building bookings and the golf course. Robert was playing golf at Cheraw recently and I asked him how Cheraw's course compared with theirs. He was quick to inform me that there was no comparison! I wonder what he meant? Seriously, with the staff and money that is put into the course at Goodale, Jim and his crew do an excellent job!

OLD SANTEE CANAL

As I sit here and look over the programs that Carol and Mary have, and the events that are held there, I wonder how they do it! I am sure that these two people have an awful lot to do with the success of this park. The Interactive Computer Exhibit featuring games and information has been installed and is a great addition. Another new addition to the park is an alligator that gave birth to approximately 30 "baby gators" near the boardwalks. This has certainly caused some excitement!

POINSETT

We would like to welcome Beth Alfieri as interpreter and Fred Gedding as groundskeeper to the staff at Poinsett. This finally brings Mary up to full staff. Mary has done well being short-staffed and now she should be able to take off running with both programs and maintenance.

REDCLIFFE

Gene and his staff have been busy trying to increase business at Redcliffe. They have been calling and talking to local civic groups and school groups. One of the major projects this year is to replace a portion of the porch deck roof and one column on the big house. Bids are out on this project now and hopefully by the first of the year we will have started. Gene and his staff, with a lot of help from local volunteers, will have a Christmas open house (December 6th) with all the trimmings. If you are in the area, Gene and his staff invite all of you to drop in and say hello.

SANTEE

Many things have happened at Santee this past year. Santee extends a big welcome to Jeff Cucinella as Assistant Superintendent and David Green as Interpreter. The new office has been completed and the completion of the adjoining Interpretive Center is just around the corner. These two projects were very much needed. Other projects of note were interior renovation of the Village Round to include new heat/air units, curtains and paneling. The completion of the courtesy dock at the tackle shop is being heavily used and the boaters love it. Archaeology Day was again a tremendous success with well over 1,000 people in attendance.

WOODS BAY

I know Dennis hates to lose David Green to Santee for selfish reasons, but we will find a good replacement. (Al James has been hired to fill this position, Ed.) The programs at Woods Bay have continued to be top notch, especially those involving the snakes. We are working on a building for Dennis to call his Interpretive Center. It probably will be next year, but I am working hard on this project. I hate to face all those snakes in his shop each time I go there. I am scared to sit down!



A canoeing group, the "Tyger Ladies," check duck boxes on the lake at Poinsett State Park.



Some 150 boy scouts attended a Jamboree at Poinsett State Park last spring.



Poinsett Superintendent Mary Crockett (center) checks some orienteering maps with boy scout leaders.



Santee superintendent Phil Gaines poses for the roving state park photographer outside the park's new Visitor's Center. A new office area (left) was joined to the original office building (right), now the interpretive center, by a central registration and reception area.



DISTRICT III

This past calendar year has proven to be an excellent one for District III. With many changes to include, one that has proven to be well received is the acceptance of VISA and MasterCard at many locations. The most difficult change for me has been the turnover¹ in personnel. This has no doubt been the biggest turnover I have experienced in many years. Many things are affected during changes in personnel, with the maintenance program being hit the hardest. I'm always optimistic though; we'll be the better for it. We always survive!

Business is so good in cabins and villas that most maintenance projects must be held off until mid-December. Weekdays are as popular in October and November as in June and July, maybe more so. At this writing, we in District III where cabins are available are going through some changes that will include using some antiques as part of the cabin furnishings, along with braided rugs and possibly floor lamps. We're also discussing the need to revise our reservation system, which hopefully will streamline our operations. Some new facilities in District III include horse trails at Croft State Park (the park now offers 20 miles of trails), the Caesars Head store headed for renovation in January, the Environmental Education Center at Jones Gap, Oconee and Table Rock with new campground wiring, and new superintendents at Croft, Lake Hartwell and Paris Mountain state parks. Tell me we aren't moving!

I wish each and every park employee the very best in their respective positions, especially those that are new employees or have recently been promoted. Best wishes for the holiday season!

HORACE CRAIG
District III Superintendent

CROFT

(from Charles Strickland)

Seasons greetings to everyone from the staff at Croft! The past year has been interesting and eventful here at Croft. Winter work projects are underway, one of which is the mapping, flagging and clearing of about sixteen miles of new horse trails. This has been a long journey! A special thanks to Mr. Craig, Mr. Pitts, Mr. Perry and Northside Prison for all the help and support given to us with this project.

The repairs to the spillway were completed in mid November, and the restocking of the lake should get started after Thanksgiving. Everyone is looking forward to seeing the lake full again. It has been two years now since we lost the lake, and local fishermen are anxiously waiting its reopening. The new boat ramp, boat dock and re-stripped parking lot have also been completed.

The "old" campground has been closed for almost a year because of a low water level in the well. We anticipate having it re-opened by the end of November. Mr. Work, Mr. Clark and the maintenance crew have put in a lot of hours here to get everything repaired. We are already looking forward to summer, when we will have a "back to normal" park again.

At this time I would like to welcome Superintendent Perry and his family to Croft. I am sure the Perry's will find Croft and the Spartanburg area a great place to be. As the holiday season grows near, we wish each park family a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy 1993.

CHARLES STRICKLAND
Groundskeeper Supervisor



DISTRICT IV

Season's Greetings from District IV! All in all, District IV has had a very good summer and fall season with few problems and complaints. I would like to thank all district employees for the many hours of hard work put forth to make this such a good season.

At this time every year, people outside of the agency tell me that they think our work is probably slow. They often think that when visitation slows down, we should have less to do. I am quick to respond that this is not true. With maintenance activities, special programs, staff training, new construction renovations, etc., it is just as busy as any other time of the year. As you can see from the report, this year has been no exception. I would like to commend the interpreters in District IV. At this time we now have four people serving in this position. Everywhere I go in the district I hear good reports from park visitors and staff members about the interpretive programs being conducted. Keep up the good work and I look forward to working with you in the future. Have a happy and safe holiday season. Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the new year from District IV.

LEW F. CATO
District IV Superintendent

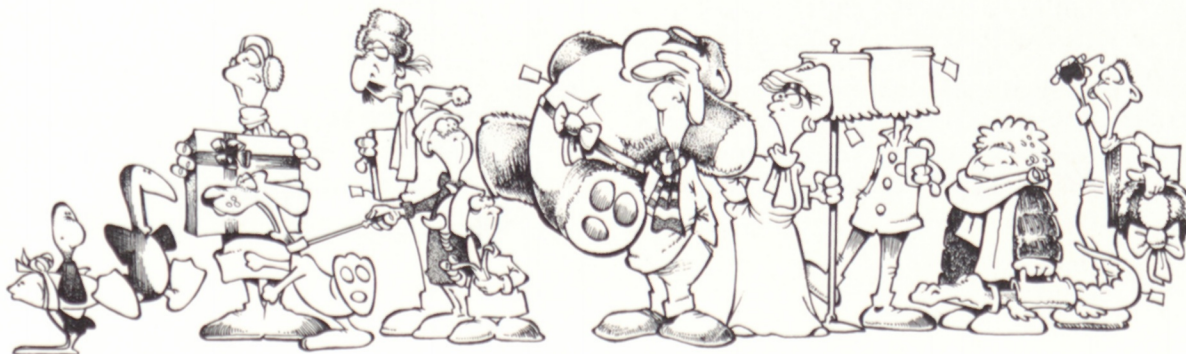
ANDREW JACKSON

Superintendent Taylor and his staff have been very busy working on their projects for the year. During the summer they hosted several successful plays for preschool age children, produced by the Patchwork Players of Columbia, S.C. In August we were fortunate to lure Kim Ehrman from the Columbia office to Andrew Jackson to fill our Ranger/Interpreter position. She brings with her a bubbling personality and many creative ideas for future programs. I look forward to working with her and Superintendent Taylor to create a successful interpretive program at Andrew Jackson.

BAKER CREEK

During the summer we lost two employees to District III by way of promotions. Kenneth Heater went to Caesar's Head as Ranger II and Noel Simons moved to Paris Mountain as Ranger I. We wish both of them the best of luck with their new positions. We would like to welcome two new employees to Baker Creek. Todd Walls is our new Ranger I and Derald Tutt is our new Park Technician.

Baker Creek has two major construction projects going on this fall. One is the grading and paving of the bathhouse parking lot and road. The other is a joint effort between the Soil and Water Conservation Service and the park to improve and refurbish 15 campsites along the lake. This is a major undertaking for Superintendent Rushton and his crew because they will have to supply all the labor and equipment.



CALHOUN FALLS

Calhoun Fall's first year of existence has been a successful one. The swimming area was a very popular spot during the summer. You can't set a record the first year but I was very pleased with the number of swimmers visiting the park and the profit made from this area. Camping was also extremely popular this year. The popularity of the 41 current sites has led to the designing of an additional 75 sites with construction — expected to begin in the near future. This year was somewhat of a learning experience for the majority of the park staff. I am very pleased with the results and efforts put forth by these employees.

CHESTER

After a long summer of cutting grass and taking care of park visitors, the staff at Chester seems to be glad to work on their projects for a change of pace. So far this year, Superintendent Timms and his staff have gotten a good jump on their Priority I's projects and are starting on their Priority II's. One major project which we are excited about is the relocation of a log house on the park. It is to be renovated by the park staff into a park office. This welcomed addition will be located in the day use area of the park.

DREHER ISLAND

Things are starting to slow down at Dreher Island after a busy season. This park has a large number of fishing tournaments which use its facilities during late fall. This year has been no exception as the park has averaged three tournaments per month. The new facilities, which include a ramp and additional parking, have been a blessing. In late October construction was started on the five new lakeside villas located on the back island in a secluded peninsula. We all are excited about the possibilities these villas will bring for the park in the future.

HAMILTON BRANCH

According to revenue reports, Hamilton Branch had another good year. With 200 sites spread out over a large area, the park staff has a job just registering campers. With camping slowing down, the staff has been able to close down some camping areas, giving them more time to work on their projects.

HICKORY KNOB

The next time you visit this park you will notice something different. The buildings in the lodge area have been painted a different color, and this new face lift has really livened up this area. The park staff is also replacing the air conditioning units in the old lodge rooms. This project has turned into a major one because we are having to rebuild the interior and exterior walls of each room. With this project and the many others, the maintenance staff has been very busy.

In early October the staff at Hickory Knob and other district employees had the opportunity to participate in the "Quality Customer Services Training Program" presented by the parks division. For those of you that will get to participate in this training session, your eyes will be opened. The folks that presented the program did a tremendous job.

I would like to welcome the following people to the staff at Hickory Knob and District IV. Kathie Collins is the new Canteen Operator at the Coffee Shop, Michael Tarver is the Canteen Operator at the Pro Shop, and Thomas Coleman is the new Groundskeeper at the golf course.



KINGS MOUNTAIN

School tours have been on the rise this season and it has been a major feat to get them all scheduled. The park is trying something new this fall with Richland II School District. The Alert Program for gifted and talented students chose Kings Mountain as the site of their Pioneer Life Work Study. The students arrive on Thursday and stay overnight at Camp Cherokee and leave after lunch on Friday. The park staff and the Alert staff have been working together to provide an exciting program which includes cooking, spinning, pottery making, farm tours, writing exercises, storytelling and clogging. The park staff has enjoyed hosting this program and looks forward to future programs with Richland II and other school districts.

LAKE GREENWOOD

Superintendent Rexrode and his staff are very excited about the paving construction at their park. The bids were opened on October 15 for this project, which includes the complete paving of the campground roads and sites, cross tie work on each site, a parking lot built at the rock wall, paving of all existing roads, and construction of courtesy docks at each ramp. This is a much needed project which will add a lot to the park and make our campers very happy. Along with this project, the staff is very busy with their concurrent projects.

I would like to welcome Albert Westbrook, Ranger I, and Mark Simpson, Ranger I, to the park family at Lake Greenwood. I would also like to congratulate James Van Valkenburg on his promotion to Ranger II at Lee State Park.



LAKE RUSSELL

The Lake Russell staff has been busy this summer cleaning ramps and taking care of the Jim Rampey Recreation Area. Between grass cuttings, they have also gotten a good start on their projects. A major project in the near future is installing lap siding and new windows at the Hutchinson Farm House.

LAKE WATEREE

This park stays busy on weekends with campers and fishermen, and all reports indicate that fishing has been excellent this fall on Lake Wateree. The park staff stays busy working on concurrent projects during the slower week days.

LANDSFORD CANAL

Superintendent Brucke and Ranger Oneppo have been very busy this fall, and as of this date, they have finished 100% of their Priority I and II projects. They have really done a lot of work and it shows. Superintendent Brucke is representing State Parks on the Catawba River Task Force Committee, which is trying to clean up the river and make it more suitable for recreational use.

SESQUICENTENNIAL

The park staff at Sesqui has been very busy working on their projects this fall. They have completed a majority of their Priority I projects and are anticipating the beginning of their Priority II's. One of the planned projects is the landscaping of the front entrance to the park. By the next time you attend a training session, you should see a different look as you enter the park.

The park has had many successful programs this year. Recently the park sponsored a three-day Halloween program, which was a great success because every employee participated in the program. I am a firm believer that it takes team work to be successful. I commend the Sesqui staff for a job well done

PROGRAMS AND PARK PROMOTIONS

Keith Kargel has been promoted to Interpretive Coordinator in the central office after serving as naturalist at Santee for the past two years. He replaces Kim Ehrman, who opted to accept the interpretive position at Andrew Jackson. I would like to welcome Keith as well as express my thanks to Kim for her dedication to the projects she coordinated.

Other changes include Mike Walker being promoted from seasonal naturalist at Huntington Beach to full-time naturalist at Myrtle Beach. Beth Alfieri has taken the naturalist position at Poinsett and David Green has been promoted from Woods Bay to Santee. Al James has accepted the Woods Bay naturalist position.

Events Brochure

The new format for our Programs and Special Events brochure has generated numerous positive comments. Even though it has necessitated a few adjustments in our section, the benefits have been significant. It has enabled us to give more detailed information on the various activities, take registration directly from the brochure, and highlight certain type of activities or services. Kay White is to be commended for doing such an excellent job on this project.

Educational Workshops and Programs

Recent months have seen a return to the emphasis on multiple session outdoor education programs. Hickory Knob was the site of our two most recent efforts.

The Water Skills Workshop was conducted on a Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday in July. This was a difficult time of week to plan a family program, but the classes in canoeing, sailing, windsurfing, lake ecology, and fishing attracted an enthusiastic group.

The enthusiasm displayed at the Women's Outdoor Sports Clinic in September exceeded anything I have witnessed in many years. Approximately eighty women of all ages, backgrounds, and interests took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about kayaking, canoeing, sailing, archery, golf, tennis, reservoir fishing, backpacking, and bird watching.

The energy exhibited by these ladies was contagious, and has recreator Scott Dublin eager to plan other similar activities.

Halloween programs continue to be popular activities at many state parks, but none have every experienced the public response Huntington Beach State Park did. Using the enchanting features of the castle "Atalaya," Superintendent Keith Windham and his crew attracted over 1600 people to the park for Friday and Saturday night programs.

Canoeing programs continue to get outstanding participation. Programs at Lynches River and Rose Hill Plantation state parks were booked solid with waiting lists of at least forty and seventy-five persons respectively. Since March, canoeing programs have also been conducted at Calhoun Falls, Goodale, Aiken, Sesquicentennial, Hickory Knob, Colleton, and Hampton Plantation state parks. Be reminded that we have ten canoes that can be reserved for workshops and programs by contacting the Columbia office.

Archaeology Field Day at Santee State Park was the combination of a series of activities that comprised the 1992 Archaeology Week. The Division of State Parks has worked closely with the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology and the Archaeological Society of South Carolina in an effort to expand and improve our educational programs. The success we have enjoyed is best indicated by the ASSC expressing their intention to continue their annual Field Day through 1996 at Santee.

Cheraw State Park Golf Course

The new golf course at Cheraw State Park opened on October 1st. An ambitious advertising campaign involving radio, billboards, and newspapers has been going on since late September, and has been instrumental in the brisk business that the course has experienced.

On October 21, a dedication ceremony was conducted at the clubhouse. Gloria Green is to be commended for coordinating this ceremony that featured Governor Campbell as the featured speaker.

Park Promotion

Newspaper ads have been purchased for more parks and facilities this year than ever before. Advertising has been purchased in North Carolina cities including Charlotte, Southern Pines, Hamlet, Rockingham, Wadesboro, Monroe, Laurinburg, Asheville, and Hendersonville. Georgia cities include Atlanta, Marietta, Gainesville, Washington, Lincolnton, and Elberton. Other out-of-state cities include Jacksonville, Florida and Cincinnati, Ohio. Responses to these ads has been very good.

Twelve new one-panel park flyers have been printed and twelve more are currently being developed. Hopefully, we will have flyers for thirty-seven parks by the travel show season.

Travel Shows

It is hard to believe that we have been involved in travel shows for eight years! This past year saw the greatest one-year improvement in this entire period. Our booth workers are better prepared, the booths are better designed, and the show selection is better than ever.

Kay White has already begun working on the 1993 shows and ways to continue the improvement. This summer she purchased and equipped table-top displays for each district. Parks wanting to set up a display at a mall, county fair, career day, etc. can contact the appropriate district superintendent.

Photography

We are fortunate to have been able to purchase cameras for many parks during the past year. We also have 35mm cameras and a video camera available for check-out from our office.

Your help is solicited in our efforts to increase our slide and photo files. Please feel free to request a camera and film if you have an event on your park, or if you can shoot photographs of park visitors enjoying your facilities.

DAN TURPIN

Chief, Programs and Park Promotion

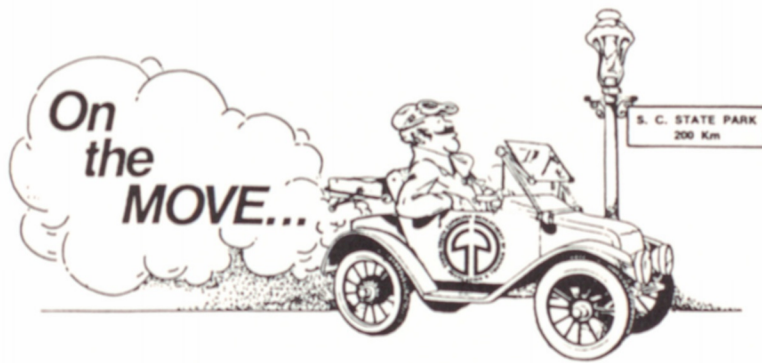


This lady tries her hand at archery at the Women's Outdoor Sports Clinic held at Hickory Knob.



Sailing was a popular activity at the Hickory Knob Women's Outdoor Sports Clinic.

PERSONNEL CHANGES



New Employees

Baker Creek,
Walter Wall, Ranger I
Derald Tutt, Park Technician

Calhoun Falls
Taj Davis, Park Technician
Mattox McCalla, Admin. Spec. B
Curry Murray, Park Technician
Michael Pless, Admin. Spec. B

Central Office
Gene Speer, Graphics Supervisor
Ivy Wiggins, Exec. Support Spec

Cheraw
David Blackwell, Groundskeeper I
Kenneth Tarleton, Auto Maint. Tech. I
John Garris, Groundskeeper I
Stephen Watson, Groundskeeper I
Floyd Soon, Groundskeeper I
Paul Bennett, Bus. Associate II
Avis Huggins, Canteen Operator II
Lorrie Turnace, Canteen Operator II

Croft
William Dukes, Ranger I

CTL
Rona Ashe, Canteen Operator I
Mark Powell, Building Supervisor

Devils Fork
Krystal Baker, Clerical Spec. B
Terry Campbell, Park Technician
William Marrell, Admin. Spec. B
Kevin Tally, Park Technician

Hickory Knob
Henry Sloan, Park Technician
Thomas Coleman, Groundskeeper I
Michael Tarver, Canteen Operator I
Cathie Collins, Canteen Operator II

Hunting Island
Angela Siegfried, Ranger I

Huntington Beach
Ted Bechtler, Park Technician
Cornelius Carter, Park Technician

Kings Mountain
Sean McGuffie, Ranger I
Lake Greenwood
Albert Westbrook, Ranger I
Mark Simpson, Ranger I

Little Pee Dee
Richard Sawyer, Park Technician

Myrtle Beach
John Smith, Park Technician
Michael Walker, Park Interpreter I
Glenn Besselen, Park Technician
George Eggleston, Park Technician

Paris Mountain
Leo Germain, Groundskeeper Supv.
I

Poinsett
Fred Geddings, Groundskeeper
Supv

Programs Section
Anne Stewart, Admin. Spec. B

Heavy Maintenance
Holly Watson, Heavy Equip.
Operator

Sesquicentennial
Charles Williams, Park Technician

Table Rock
Mark Harmon, Ranger I
Michael Broom, Park Technician
Larry Shaw, Park Technician

Woods Bay
Williams James, Park Interpreter I

Resignations

Central Office
Michael Dawson
Stacy Poe

CTL
Lynn Olivi
Susan Phillips
Mykola Shwec

Cheraw
Russell Rogers

Croft
Richard Bishop
Rena Riddle

Devils Fork
Ray Kinsler
Marie Stancil

Hickory Knob
Mary Bullock
Trevor Belangia
Helen Hearst
Robert Rushton

Jones Gap
Brian Gravely

Kings Mountain
James Darby

Lee
James Van Valkenburgh

Myrtle Beach
Carl Cadle
Leroy Smith
Bonnie Blakely

Old Santee Canal
Carl Meeke
Linda Starland

Paris Mountain
Richard Paisley

Table Rock
Michael Edens

Promotions & Transfers

Kim Ehrman, Andrew Jackson, Park Interpreter I,
from Central Office, Interpretive Coordinator

Betty White, Calhoun Falls, Canteen Operator I,
from Hickory Knob, Food Service Supervisor

Phillip Burton, Calhoun Falls, Building Supervisor,
from Lake Greenwood, Ranger I

David Stancil, Calhoun Falls, Ranger III,
from Hickory Knob, Ranger II

Kenneth Heater, Caesars Head, Ranger II,
from Baker Creek, Ranger I

Keith Kargel, Interpretive Coordinator, Central Office,
from Santee, Interpreter II

William Marr, Cheraw, Building Supervisor,
from Myrtle Beach, Park Technician

Gerard Perry, Croft, Superintendent III,
from Lake Hartwell, Superintendent II

Bobby Mosely, Devils Fork, Trades Craftsman,
from Devils Fork, Administrative Spec. B

Phyllis Hitt, Hickory Knob, Canteen Operator II,
from Hickory Knob, Canteen Operator I

Margaret Walker, Hickory Knob, Food Service
Supervisor, from Hickory Knob, Canteen Operator II

James Strickland, Hunting Island, Ranger I,
from Santee, Assistant Superintendent

David Tarrant, Jones Gap, Ranger II,
from Paris Mountain, Groundskeeper Supervisor

Sandra McKinsey, Lake Hartwell, Superintendent II,
from Table Rock, Assistant Superintendent

Garris Brazell, Myrtle Beach, Building Supervisor,
from Myrtle Beach, Park Technician

Mary White, Oconee, Assistant Superintendent,
from Caesars Head, Ranger I

Noel Simons, Paris Mountain, Ranger I,
from Baker Creek, Park Technician

Tony Stephens, Paris Mountain, Ranger III,
from Myrtle Beach, Ranger II

Jeff Cucinella, Santee, Assistant Superintendent,
from Oconee, Assistant Superintendent

David Green, Santee, Park Interpreter II,
from Woods Bay, Park Interpreter I

Michael Hager, Table Rock, Assistant Superintendent,
from Paris Mountain, Ranger III

Hires & Terminations (both during 1992)

Andrew Jackson
Allison Bell

Central Office
Kathy Prior

Cheraw
Sandy McCormick
Annie Myers

CTL
Susan Zeller

Huntington Beach
Howard Kuhl

Kings Mountain
James Darby
Tony McCarter

Old Santee Canal
Joseph Govan

Retirements

Central Maintenance
Oscar Kelley

Keowee-Toxaway
Lila Looper

Paris Mountain
David Blackwell

NOTE: Randolph Axson Walker, the first director of South Carolina state parks (from July 1, 1935 to June 30, 1942) died during the past year (April 5, 1992) at the age of 83. A graduate of the Citadel, he retired as marketing research director and vice president of Dan River Inc. in New York, and founded Dorchester Fabrics, Inc. of Summerville.

FORMER MEMBERS OF "OUR" FAMILY!

Retired State Park Personnel

40+ YEARS

LORINE W. DAVIS, 572 Rainbow Circle,
West Columbia, S.C. 29169
LLOYD KING, Route #1, Mountain Rest, S.C.
29664
RAY M. SISK, 4738 Circle Drive, Columbia,
S.C. 29206

30+ YEARS

TED BARBIE, Route #1, Box 117 AB-1,
Summerton, S.C. 29148
ARTHUR BROWN, Route #3, Box 850,
Frogmore, S.C. 29920
NORMAN B. COOLER, 8 Creek Front Road,
Route #1, Murrells Inlet, S.C. 29576
DAVE INABINET, Route #1, Box 35,
Windsor, S.C. 29856
ROBERT G. JONES, Route #3, Pickens, S.C.
29671
KENNETH O. KOLB, Post Office Box 126,
Elloree, S.C. 29047
EDDIE MILLER, 16 Capewood Court,
Greenville, S.C. 29609
JAMES WASHINGTON, Route #1, Box 22,
Wedgefield, S.C. 29168

20-29 YEARS

JAMES E. BYNUM c/o Oconee State Park 624
State Park Road, Mountain Rest, S.C. 29664
LEE CHAPPELLE, Route #2, Box 585,
Ninety Six, S.C. 29666
GEORGE HOLDER, 146 Castle Road,
Columbia, S.C. 29210
LAFON NORTON, 404 Johnson Drive,
Dillon, S.C. 29536
VAN PRESSLEY, 606 Parish Road,
Charleston, S.C. 29407

OTHER RETIRED PERSONNEL

DAVID G. BLACKWELL, Post Office Box 4585,
Greenville, S.C. 29608
WALT BRANHAM, 530 Smyrna Road, Elgin,
S.C. 29045
RICHARD L. BROWN, 135 Chastain Street,
Pickens, S.C. 29671
HENSLEE CAULDER, R.F.D. #3 Dillon, S.C.
29536
NEIL COLVARD, 3538 Walter Drive, Johns
Island, S.C. 29455
ROOSEVELT COPELAND, c/o Mrs. Louise
Reeves, Route #1, Box 188, Reevesville, S.C.
29471
DOT ELLIOTT, 2001 Water Hole Road, Bedford
VA 24523
LEW & SUE GRIFFIN, P.O. Box 273,
Eutawville, S.C. 29048
JOHN HOLLOWAY, 2401 Highway 378,
Gilbert, S.C. 29054
MAY JESSEN, 109 Rutherford Street,
Summerville, S.C. 29483
ANDREW KENNEDY, Route #3, Box 161,
Pickens, S.C. 29671
DAISY KOLB, Post Office Box 126, Elloree, S.C.
29047
GUS KRAJCIK, 100 Windsor Point Road,
Columbia, S.C. 29223
JIM MEADORS 2424 Alpine Road, Columbia,
S.C. 29206
LOUIE RIDLEY, Star Route, Walhalla, S.C.
29691
T. M. SHULER, Route #2, Box 441, Elloree, S.C.
29047
MARSHALL WALDT, Route #4, Box 334-B,
Kings Mountain, N.C. 28086
CHARLIE HATFIELD, 218 Overhill Drive,
Walterboro, S.C. 29488

Take a few minutes today and drop a holiday greeting
to former members of our State Park "family" that have
retired after a rewarding career with state parks. It will
brighten both their day and yours! Ed.)

THE BEST MEDICINE



I have a hunch that much of the pressure and tension of life is due to the fact that we drag home with us each night the failures, frustrations, defeats and errors of the day.

The best medicine I've found for this condition are a few common sense words that Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote — words which I have kept in my scrapbook for years and read frequently. Just try coming home, sitting down quietly in a comfortable chair and reading the following words written by the Sage of Concord.

"He only is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry, fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, so begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. The day is all that is good and fair. It is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on the yesterdays."

Note: The Concord referred to above is in Massachusetts, not the Concord in New Hampshire that I claim as my birthplace!

P.S. Have a blessed holiday season and a magnificent new year!

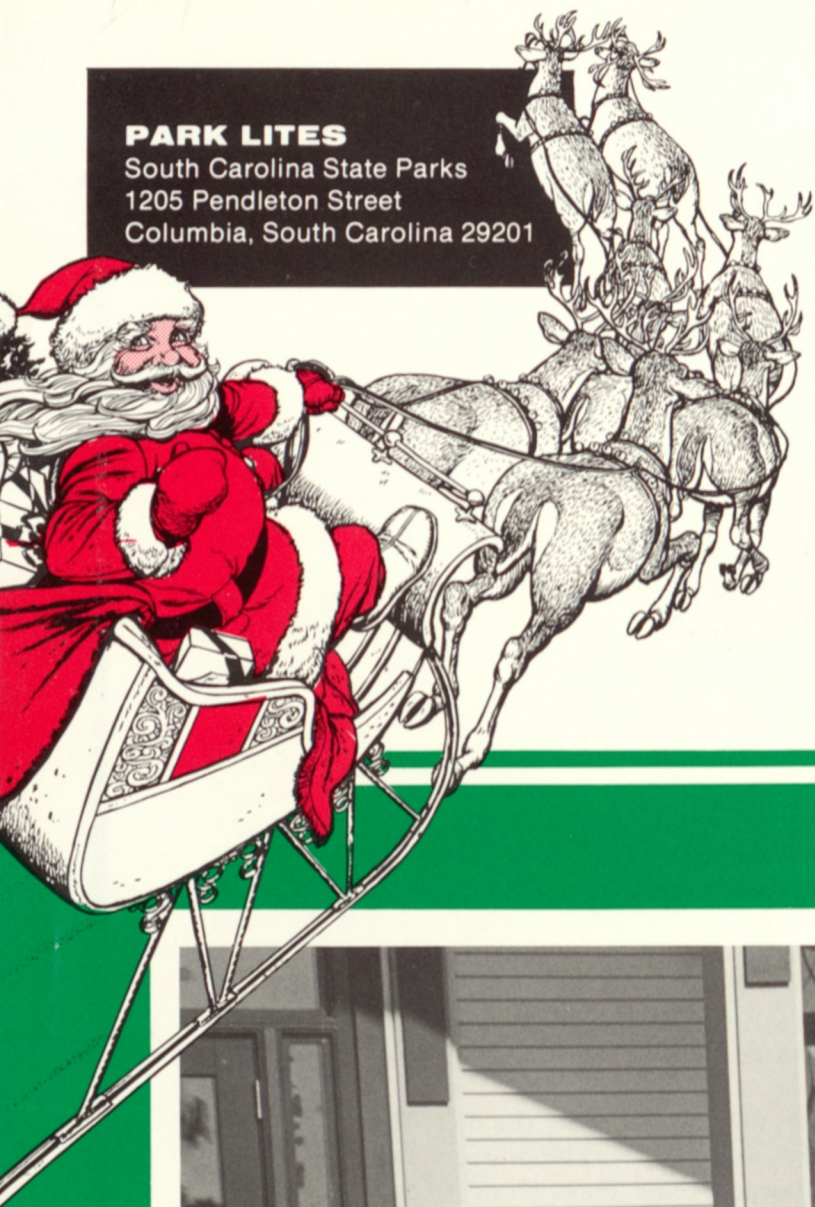


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Dignitaries at the grand opening of the new eighteen hole championship golf course at Cheraw State Park on October 21 included (from left): William J. Sigmon, Sr., Chairman, PRT Commission; Charles M. "Chip" Ingram, Jr., Cheraw (PRT Commissioner from the Fifth Congressional District); State Representative Jean Laney Harris, and Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.